who could command l abour cheaply and at the same time execute the work with more convenience to the Department.

Canal from the Backwater to the Nadamel Market.

168. Mr. P. Raman Menon.—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(a) whether the Government have received petitions from the people of Trippunittura praying for a canal from the backwaters on the western side of Trippunittura to the Nadamel market to facilitate the transport of articles from Cochin, Alleppey, Changanacheri, Alwaye and other places;

(b) whether a deputation led by the then M. L. C. Mr. Thomas Manjuran waited upon the Diwan on 8th Meenam 1106 to make the same request ;

(c) what, if any, were the steps taken by the Government regarding the same;

(d) whether the Government is aware that this request had been brought to the notice of the Government as long ago as 1101 M. E. by the then M. L. C. Mr. K. S. Rama Ayyar ?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—(a) Yes.

(b) Yes.

(c) The question was investigated by the P. W. D. and when the cost of opening the canal was found to be prohibitive, Government dropped the question temporarily.

(d) Yes.

Meenakshipuram Police Station Building.

169. Mr. K. G. Nayar.—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(a) whether the Police Station at Meenakshipuram has a compound wall ;

(b) whether the Parayas living adjacent to the Police Station are living in sufficiently sanitary dwellings;

(c) whether the Police Station suffers any inconvenience on account of the bones and other stuff of dead bodies being carried into the Police Station compound on account of its bad fencing;

(d) whether there is sufficient room for the constables of the Station to reside there;

(e) how much amount will be required to provide accommodation for the constables employed there and also for erecting a compound wall;

(f) is that place malarial ?

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